

memorandum

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to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

from ESA Adolfson

subject Flood Plan Public Meetings

Introduction

In June 2009, the Chehalis River Basin Draft Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (Draft Flood Plan) was presented to the Flood Authority and released to the public via the Flood Authority's web site. The Draft Flood Plan defines the flood problems in the basin and proposes solutions to those problems. The Draft Flood Plan is based on the existing Flood Plans prepared by member jurisdictions. The Draft Flood Plan has been revised in recent months and is ready for public review and approval by the Flood Authority. At the Flood Authority's request, ESA Adolfson has scheduled a series of public meetings at three locations in the basin for the week of April 5.

The current Draft Flood Plan can be downloaded from the Flood Authority's website:
www.lewiscountywa.gov/community-development/chehalis-river-basin-flood-authority

Public Meeting Schedule

Public meetings will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM in the following locations:

Swede Hall in Rochester – Monday, April 5

City Hall in Montesano – Tuesday, April 6

Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis – Wednesday, April 7

Meeting Format

The public meetings will be designed to allow citizens to give feedback in a variety of different formats so they can choose the one they feel most comfortable with. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation on the Flood Plan providing background on the Flood Authority and the Flood Plan in general. The focus of the presentation will be on flood problems and recommended actions for addressing those problems. The public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments following the presentation.

At the conclusion of the questions and comments, the public will be asked to break out to smaller groups at listening posts set up around the room. The listening posts will be manned by the consultant team and available BAC and Flood Authority members. The listening posts will be designed to specifically solicit comments about flood problems and recommended actions.

In addition to these opportunities to provide oral comments, comment forms will be provided. These forms can either be submitted at the meeting or be mailed. A meeting agenda is attached.

Next Steps

The Flood Authority has agreed to move toward adopting the Flood Plan by June 2010. After the public meetings, the following steps should be taken toward plan adoption.

Revise the Flood Plan in Response to Public Comments. ESA Adolfson will revise the Flood Plan in response to relevant public comments and will present the revised version to the Flood Authority at its May meeting.

Flood Authority Adoption of the Flood Plan. The Flood Authority should adopt the Flood Plan for the Chehalis Basin at its June meeting.

Flood Authority Recommendation that Member Jurisdictions Adopt the Flood Plan. The Flood Authority should pass a motion recommending that member jurisdictions adopt the basin-wide flood plan. The motion should be passed in June. The adoption process by individual jurisdictions will provide additional opportunities for public comment.



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday April 5 – Swede Hall, Rochester
Tuesday April 6 – City Hall, Montesano
Wednesday April 7 – Veterans Memorial Museum, Chehalis
6:00-8:00 PM

- 1. Convene Public Meeting**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Presentation**
 - What is the Flood Authority?
 - What is the Flood Plan?
 - Flood problem areas
 - Recommended actions
- 4. Questions and Comments**
- 5. Breakout to Listening Posts**
- 6. Adjourn**